



CITY OF BLOOMINGTON
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Board of Park Commissioners
Regular Meeting
Minutes

Tuesday, October 28, 2008
4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Council Chambers
401 N. Morton St.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Carter at 4:05 p.m.

Board Present: John Carter, Les Coyne, Joe Hoffmann, Jane St. John

Staff Present: Mick Renneisen, Judy Seigle, Angie Smith, Bev Johnson, Paula McDevitt, Daren Eads, Becky Barrick, Sarah Nix, Cheryll Elmore, Kim Ecenbarger, Dave Williams, Julie Ramey, Rob Gilchrist, Lindsay Buuck

Interns: Matt Johnston, Joel Grant, Chris Bottorff

BCT Management: Danielle McClelland, Lynn Schwartzberg

A. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A-1. Approval of Minutes of September 23, 2008 Meeting
- A-2. Approval of Claims Submitted September 24 – October 27, 2008
- A-3. Approval of Non-Reverting Budget Amendments
- A-4. Review of Business Report

Mr. Hoffmann made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Ms. St. Jane seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS/APPEARANCES

B-1. Public Comment Period

Mr. Coyne stated that Mr. Renneisen was recently recognized with the Willard Patty Distinguished Alumni Award for the School of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation at Indiana University. This award is a very significant accomplishment for Mr. Renneisen.

Mr. Hoffmann updated the Board on Plan Commission events. He stated that a large parcel east of Jackson Creek bounded by Jackson Creek, Rhorer Road, and Snoddy Road is coming forward for development in the near future. This development may have an impact on neighboring Parks properties.

Mr. Coyne stated that there is a middle school student in the audience, Emily Watkins. Ms. Watkins is doing a school project that requires her to attend various public meetings and provide a report on these meetings. In addition, Uma Natterman a senior at Bloomington High School North is also in the audience as a requirement of her Government class.

B-2. Bravo Award – White River Co-Op/Drool in the Pool

Ms. Nix addressed the Board and stated that the October Bravo Award is being presented to the White River Co-Op, specifically Rosie Landis and Bob Jones, for their participation in the Drool in the Pool event. The staff has worked with White River Co-Op for four years to co-sponsor this popular event. Ms. Landis and Mr. Jones have

worked hard at finding judges for the event and worked with dog food vendors to attend the event and give free samples and give-aways. Without their support and involvement in this event the department would never be able to host such an event.

Ms. Landis addressed the Board and stated that they really enjoy being part of this event and they appreciate their involvement with the department.

B-3. Parks Partner – Raymond Foundation/LSND Program

Ms. Smith addressed the Board and stated that the Fall 2008 Parks Partner Award is being presented to the Raymond Foundation for their generous support of the Leonard Springs Nature Day program. The Raymond Foundation has donated more than \$20,000 toward this program which has made a significant impact on the department. The Foundation provided the initial start-up funds in 2007 to host five MCCSC elementary school 6th grade classes during the pilot year. Following the first year's success, the Raymond Foundation provided additional funding in the second year to expand the program and host nine MCCSC 6th grade classes. This past summer, the Foundation accepted the Bloomington Parks Department's grant request of \$15,000 over the next three years. Bloomington Parks and Recreation, in collaboration with MCCSC and the Sycamore Land Trust, will have Leonard Springs Nature Day funding available to host all 13 MCCSC 6th grade classes through the 2010-2011 school year. The Raymond Foundation was founded in 1984 by Oliver and Ann Raymond, and their daughter Linda has been working with staff regularly.

B-4 – Staff Recognition – None this month

B-5. Staff/Intern Introductions – Matt Johnston/Joel Grant – SPEA Fellows, Chris Bottorff - AmeriCorps

Mr. Johnston introduced himself to the Board and thanked the department for providing this opportunity for the SPEA students. He added that it is a great program and he has learned a great deal already. Originally from Rolla, Missouri, he received his undergraduate degree at the University of Missouri before coming to Indiana University for his graduate degree in SPEA. He enjoys St. Louis Cardinals baseball, Mizzou football, and all outdoor activities from hiking to kayaking. Over the next two years he will be studying Environmental Policy and Natural Resource Management at SPEA.

Mr. Grant introduced himself to the Board and thanked the department for this opportunity. Originally from an area near Detroit, Michigan, he received his undergraduate degree in Environmental Management with a minor in Biology from Ball State University in 2006. During the summers he has worked for IDEM's Office of Water Quality and the Indiana State Department of Health. In 2007 he moved to Wisconsin to coordinate and manage a fire ecology crew for the Menominee Indian Reservation. As a SPEA fellow he will be addressing a number of project objectives related to natural resource management. He will be addressing invasive management, the future dog park, and will be working with Bloomington Bikes Week activities.

Mr. Bottorff introduced himself to the Board stating that he is the AmeriCorps intern serving as the nutrition/physical activity educator with the department. He received his undergraduate degree in anthropology in 2007 from the College of Arts and Sciences at Indiana University. He also had minors in Outdoor Recreation and Sociology. His goal during college was to gain a dynamic experience focusing on cultural and environmental change as well as experiential education. He completed a semester long outdoor leadership development program through HPER as well as a six week study at an archaeological dig in Belize. He currently works at Bloomingfoods Market and Deli in the produce department where he has increased his knowledge about healthy living, community development, nutrition and sustainable lifestyles.

C. OTHER BUSINESS

C-1. Review/Approval of Partnership Agreement with Bloomington Area Arts Council

Mr. Eads addressed the Board seeking approval of the partnership agreement with the Bloomington Area Arts Council. The department has partnered with the BAAC for several years, with no significant changes to this year's agreement. This partnership allows the department to continue supporting the visual areas without being directly involved with the programming by allowing BAAC access to the facility and supervisory staff. The BAAC covers the cost of the building supervisors while there is no charge for the facility. Staff meets seasonally to discuss class schedules and program collaboration.

Mr. Hoffmann made a motion to approve the partnership agreement with the BAAC. Ms. St. John seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

C-2. Review/Approval of Partnership Agreement with Area 10 Agency on Aging – Nutrition Project

Mr. Eads addressed the Board seeking approval of the partnership agreement with Area 10 Agency on Aging – Nutrition Project. He stated that this partnership has been in place for many years with no significant changes to this year's agreement.

Mr. Coyne stated that staff should explore the possibility of moving the food preparation of the nutrition project to the new "Incubator Kitchen" that is expanding at the Middle Way House. It makes sense that this operation eventually move to a more professional site.

Mr. Eads stated that they have seen a significant drop in the number of people that are utilizing the nutrition project in-house, but an increase in the number of homebound deliveries.

Mr. Hoffmann made a motion to approve the partnership agreement with Area 10 Agency on Aging – Nutrition Project. Ms. St. Jane seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

C-3. Review/Approval of Partnership Agreement with Monroe County YMCA

Ms. Buuck addressed the Board seeking approval of the partnership agreement with the Monroe County YMCA for a new event "Tri-a-tha- FUN"! This partnership would allow the department to offer a triathlon training event by utilizing the YMCA facility and marketing resources. The YMCA has the ideal facility and equipment to provide an indoor triathlon training event. This event is unique to the community and will provide serious triathletes an alternative training program, as well as encourage those who are intrigued by a triathlon, but have never tried it, to participate.

The Board asked if this was considered an "elite" event.

Ms. Buuck stated that this is not an elite event, because it is shorter than an actual triathlon, but provides good training for more serious competitors. The event will be on February 22, 2009. Registration is available through the Parks and Recreation Department beginning December 2 – February 15 and participants do not need to be a member of the YMCA.

Mr. Hoffmann made a motion to approve the partnership agreement with the Monroe County YMCA for the Tri-a-tha- FUN event. Ms. St. John seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

C-4. Review/Approval of Management Agreement with BCTM Inc. to Manage the Buskirk-Chumley Theater from 2009-2011

Mr. Renneisen addressed the Board seeking approval of the management agreement with BCTM Inc to manage the Buskirk-Chumley Theater (BCT) from 2009-2011. He stated that the negotiations have been very amicable and the BCT staff has done an excellent job of managing this City resource over the past few years. A few changes include:

- Change in the annual updates and reports schedule from quarterly to twice a year.
- The City shall have one non-voting representative on the BCTM Board of Directors. The Mayor shall

designate that representative, who shall be subject to removal by the Mayor at anytime for any reason.

- City agrees to provide annual funding to be used solely for building-related expenses, including maintenance, repair and improvement of the BCT in the amount of \$75,000 for calendar year 2009; \$70,000 for calendar year 2010; and \$65,000 for calendar year 2011, all subject to approval of the Redevelopment Commission or other fiscal body.
- In addition, the City shall annually provide up to \$24,000 for selected equipment replacement and unexpected and/or emergency building repairs related to BCTM's responsibilities for repair and maintenance, as defined in Section 9 and Exhibit C of this Agreement. Expenses shall be paid only as requested by BCTM and as approved by the City.
- The City shall have the right to use the BCT, with no rental fee, for up to 12 days each calendar year. These dates will be coordinated with BCTM in advance and will be dates mutually agreed upon by the City and the BCTM.
- **Division of Property.** The City shall own all the equipment and furnishings inside the building necessary to its functionality as a Theater, as detailed in Exhibit D, Section 1. BCTM shall retain ownership items detailed in Exhibit D, Section 2.
- **Responsibility for Repair.** BCTM shall be responsible for the routine repair, maintenance, replacement and upgrade of all of the equipment and furnishings detailed in Exhibit D, sections 1 & 2.
- **Annual Upgrades.** BCTM shall consult with the City on an annual basis regarding replacements, upgrades and major repairs to equipment and furnishings; however, all decisions regarding the same shall be made in the City's discretion.

Mr. Renneisen introduced Ms. McClelland, Executive Director of the BCT Management Inc, the private non-profit that operates the BCT on behalf of the City of Bloomington. She stated that that the BCTM has been thrilled with the negotiation process and in general with this partnership. She introduced Lynn Schwartzberg, Vice President of the board of directors of the BCTM.

Mr. Carter asked for clarification on the use of the BCT by City departments.

Mr. Renneisen stated that there are opportunities for many City departments or their Boards to hold certain events at a venue that may be cost prohibitive. This opportunity gives these groups a chance to try new events at a reduced cost.

Mr. Coyne stated that this agreement is very beneficial to the City and its residents. He stated that the Buskirk-Chumley is a very vital part of the community, comparing it to the vitality of the Farmers' Market. It is a major asset that needs to be protected and he is very supportive of this partnership.

Ms. McClelland stated that this venue is valuable, not only as a place for artistic endeavors but as a gathering place for all types of events. The BCTM Board refers to the theater building as the "soap box" on the town square and they are very proud to manage this resource for the City.

Mr. Hoffmann made a motion to approve the Management Agreement with BCTM Inc to Manage the Buskirk-Chumley Theater from 2009-2011. Ms. St. John seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Mr. Renneisen added that this agreement will be presented to the Redevelopment Commission for their final approval on Monday, November 3.

C-5. Review/Approval of 2009 Price Schedule and Cost Recovery Goals

Ms. Elmore addressed the Board seeking approval of the 2009 Price Schedule and Cost Recovery Goals. The draft price schedule was presented at the October meeting for review.

Mr. Renneisen stated that staff estimates revenue conservatively on the low end and expenses on the high end so that the cost recovery goals are attainable.

Ms. Elmore stated that she calculates actual expenses and revenues at the end of the year for further discussion by the Board and staff.

Uma Natterman introduced herself stating that she is a Senior at Bloomington High School North. She is attending the meeting as part of her Government class that requires civic participation. She asked what the cost recovery is.

Mr. Renneisen stated that the cost recovery goals help staff recommend appropriate fees to the Board. The approved fees and charges that are collected are used to offset the tax dollars that are allocated to support the services provided by the department. For example, at the Cascades Golf Course the cost recovery goal is 90%. Staff is responsible for collecting 90% of the cost to deliver their services, while tax dollars provide 10% of the costs. Programs for children generally have cost recovery goals of 50% or less, while some programs have almost no cost recovery goals.

Mr. Hoffmann made a motion to approve the 2009 Price Schedule and the Cost Recovery Goals. Ms. St. John seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

C-6. Review of Prospect Hill Neighborhood Association Proposal to Construct a Shelterhouse in Building & Trades Park

Mr. Williams addressed the Board seeking approval of a proposal to construct a shelterhouse in Building & Trades Park. He stated that the Prospect Hill Neighborhood Association recently contacted staff regarding a proposal to construct a small shelterhouse near the playground structures in the park with grant funds from HAND. If all of the requirements are met by the neighborhood association, they would be awarded funding, then a partnership agreement will be presented to the Board for final approval. He introduced Melinda Poor who helped design this project with her neighbors.

Ms. Poor provided maps and drawings of the proposed shelterhouse. She stated that the plans open the boardwalk up to the rest of the park and have two benches by the playground area and two small tables in that same area. The project proposes a walkway that extends to the existing shelter. Recycled products will be used as much as possible.

Mr. Carter stated that he was impressed with this project and is very impressed with the work that the neighbors have put into this project.

Mr. Coyne offered his compliments to all of the parties involved with this project stating that they have created a model for other neighborhoods to use.

Mr. Hoffmann stated that he, too, was very impressed with the work the neighbors have done on this project.

Mr. Hoffmann made a motion to approve the proposal to construct a shelterhouse in Building & Trades Park. Ms. St. John seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

D. REPORTS

D-1. Operations Division – No Report

D-2. Sports Division – Aquatics Season Review

Mr. Gilchrist addressed the Board and provided them with a season review for the 2008 aquatics area. He started by saying that it was another safe season and congratulated his staff for their hard work! The leadership staff included Emily Clarke, Zach Price, Mark Miller, Erica Posson, and Jenna McKee and the maintenance staff included Don Foddrill and John Schoonover. Bryan and Mills Pools were open from May 23 – September 1 with a potential for 764 hours. Bryan Pool was open 692.5 hours and Mills Pool was open 662 hours. The total revenue at Bryan Pool (including concessions) was \$233,807.67 and expenses totaled \$246,781.25 for a net loss of

(\$12,973.58). Mills pool generated \$35,125.16 in revenue (not including a \$7137.50 unpaid balance) and \$96,184.81 in expenses for a net loss of (\$61,059.65). He stated that a record number of patrons attended the pools this summer with a total of 76,621 admissions between the two pools. Swim lessons and birthday parties were also very well attended this summer with eight birthday parties, 34 pool rentals, and 629 participations in swim lessons. Major purchases and improvements in 2008 include: Bryan Pool – new roof on bathhouse (\$8500); perimeter lighting repairs (\$1134.45); bathroom cleaning service (\$840); new admission sign (\$750). Mills Pool – new picnic tables (\$1160.56); new admissions sign (\$415.93); bathroom cleaning service (\$690). He added that the public feedback on the new liner at Bryan Pool has been outstanding, in addition to decreasing the maintenance costs.

D-3. Recreation Division – No Report

D-4. Administration Division – No Report

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy Seigle, Secretary Board of Park Commissioners